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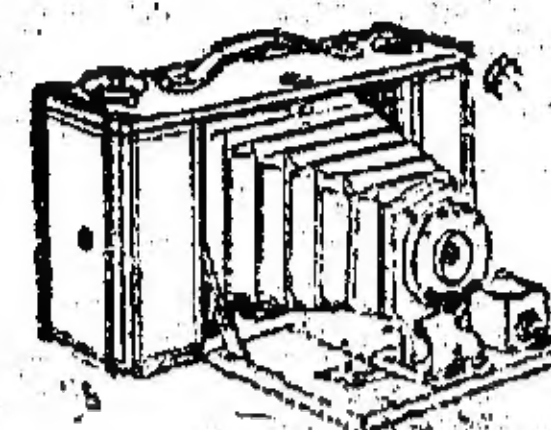


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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 18th, 1911.

THERE has been much talk during the past two years about the imperative necessity of China having an Army and Navy "worthy of her size and dignity" and evidence is not wanting that real progress is being made in this direction. At the present time China has under construction two training cruisers and another cruiser, two being built in England and one in America. Three destroyers have been ordered and a number of sea-going and river gunboats. It has also been reported that instructions were cabled London recently to engage a British Officer as Adviser to the Naval Department. The small squadrons which China already possesses have been reorganised to some extent, and it has apparently been decided to open a Naval College at Peking. When this is done it is proposed to close the existing Naval Schools at Canton, Foochow and Nanking, leaving only the school at Chefoo, which will become merely an elementary Naval School. Another Naval College and secondary school, as well as Mining, Gunnery and Torpedo Schools, and Naval Barracks will be provided in Niinrod Sound. The expenditure already incurred in these developments is beginning to be a source of considerable uneasiness. It is a drain, says one native paper, which the country at this juncture can ill-afford to stand. Yet as the country progresses it is recognised that China must have much more elaborate

programmes than the little, unambitious scheme she is now carrying out, and this reflection has led a Chinese writer to point out how important it is that China should take measures at once to ensure that the ships she will need in the future shall be built in dockyards of her own. The writer reminds his readers that when China builds her own ships the money will not be wholly lost to the country. Wages, for instance, form a very heavy item in the expenditure column, and when these are paid to Chinese instead of foreign workmen the country will not feel the burden to the same extent, while at the same time they would be training up a body of engineers and skilled mechanics to render useful service to their country. Our Peking contemporary which elaborates this idea says that though at the beginning a good deal of the materials would still have to be imported, yet it is estimated by an agent of one of the best known firms in England that, even from the start, a net saving of twenty per cent. could be effected. We should gravely doubt the qualifications of an "expert" who made such a statement as this. We do not know whether Japan set up her dockyards and began building her warships with any notion of an immediate saving in cost of construction, but we have always understood that Japan has not found that ships can be built cheaper in her own yards than they can be built abroad; and China would be well advised to get rid of the delusion that she will not have to pay as dearly for her experience in ship construction as other beginners have had to do. China must walk in these matters before she begins to gallop. The Department is certainly acting for the best in placing orders for destroyers and gunboats with yards already existing on the China coast. Though all the important shipbuilding yards are foreign-owned they all depend on Chinese labour, and the Naval Department therefore in placing orders with such yards are helping the Chinese employees to gain the experience which will fit them for employment in China's naval dockyards when she is in a position to establish them. The proposal which our Peking contemporary urges the Naval Department to consider is whether an arrangement could not be made with a firm of the standing, say, of VICKERS or ARMSTRONGS to set up a shipbuilding plant on the coast of China. Until China is in a position to guarantee that the money will be forthcoming for a shipbuilding programme which would keep a large dockyard establishment fully employed it would be wasting time to discuss the subject. No doubt it will be on some such plan as this that China will eventually proceed; but for the present the suggestion appears to be one of purely academic interest.

The police have been notified that a thief stole from 46, Wu Hu Street, Kowloon, \$8 worth of clothing and \$17 in money.

An invitation has been extended to the Shanghai Cricket Club by the officers of the British Navy to send up a cricket team to Waihaiwei during the summer.

Leave of absence, on private affairs, to the neighbouring countries, has been granted to Lieut. C. A. N. Hume-Spry, R.G.A., from 1st August to 30th September, 1911.

The plague return for last week showed 19 cases and 16 deaths. Yesterday four cases were reported, bringing the total for the year up to 213. Two cases of cholera were notified last week. One proved fatal.

The fourth meeting of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club will be held at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon, August 19th. There are, as usual, six events on the programme, for which entries close on August 9th.

The local strike of shipbuilders is practically at an end. The employees of six out of the fourteen yards have returned to work, while in the other instances the strikers have no work to go to, the employers having imported men from Canton.

On the 13th instant the master of a goldsmith's shop in Queen's Road Central sent a foki with a piece of gold valued \$40 to another shop to get it made into jewellery. The gold was not delivered, and the foki has not since been seen.

Mr. C. Loey Goodrich has been appointed general Oriental agent of the San Francisco Seaside Route, with headquarters at 17, Water Street, Yokohama, Japan. The San Francisco Seaside Route is that of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha and the Western Pacific Railway, Denver and Rio Grand Railroad.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 16th July shows that of non-Chinese there were 413 to the Library and 180 to the Museum, and of Chinese 175 to the former and 2417 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, visited by 538 persons and the Museum by 2,597.

Sergeant-Major J. Cutler, R.G.A., wife and three children, arrived in the command by the P. & O. s.s. *Nore* on 14th instant, and are taken on the strength of the command accordingly.

Interest in the Hippodrome Circus at Causeway Bay will be increased this week by the midweek boxing competition which is being arranged. Entries for this class on the 19th instant; the preliminaries will be fought on the 20th, the semi-finals on the 21st, and the final will take place on Saturday, 22nd inst.

The *New York Tribune* says—Miss Yu Jung Chang, grand-niece of Li-Hung Chang, was to get on June 14th the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Wells College, Aurora, N. Y. Miss Chang is nineteen years old, and has completed her college course in four and one-half years, the first half-year being spent in taking some preparatory work, and in perfecting herself in English, though she had a slight knowledge of the language before coming to this country. After her graduation she will go to New York to study social work, and in November she will return to her home in Shanghai to work among her own people.

A Paris paper publishes the last letter written to his wife by Dr. Mesny, the French physician, who died at his post in the plague hospital in Manchuria, from which we have the following: "Ma femme chérie et adorée.—When you receive this letter I shall be no more, and shall have gone to await thee. I was seized at seven o'clock in the morning, but I kept at my duties until the afternoon. My little daughter, you were right, papa is going to die. My aff airs are simple. I then follow some directions as to the doctor's estate. Think of me. Love me, as I love you. Minette, adored one, dear children, friends, adieu. Later I shall meet you. It is useless for you to come out here to visit my grave. You might take the mummy also, and the children would be left alone. My Minette, do not come at any price. And the dying doctor adds: "Embrasse les minets chéris. Je vous adore. Priez pour moi."

MR. SHELTON HOOPER'S PERTINENT QUERIES.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon Mr. Shelton Hooper, pursuant to notice will ask:—

- (1) Can you inform the Board why the words "and at a cost of \$480 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1910," in the repealing clause of the new Sanitation and Conservancy By-laws, which words were by special resolution of the Board deleted from the draft By-laws submitted, have been re-inserted?
- (2) By whose authority were they re-inserted?
- (3) If you were aware of the Legislative Council, did you inform the Government that the Board did not wish these words inserted?
- (4) Is it correct as stated in the Government Gazette of July 7th that the words in the repealing clause referred to in question No. 1 were passed by the Sanitary Board?
- (5) If not, will you acquaint the Government with the error?

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The following warnings were received from the Manila Observatory at 10 a.m. yesterday:—Cyclone or Typhoon near or over Formosa moving N.N.E. or N.E.

Cyclone or Typhoon near or over the Western Carolas, direction unknown.

A message from Manila received at 4 p.m. read:—Cyclone or Typhoon near or over the northern part of Formosa Channel moving N. or N.N.E.

AMUSING INCIDENT AT A BANQUET.

An amusing incident happened when General Botha rose to reply to the toast of "Our Guests" at the luncheon given at the Eighty Club to the overseas Premiers. When he had spoken his introductory words in Dutch the interpreter (a lady) who was by his side, proceeded to translate his speech. The toastmaster, apparently thinking that this was another sufficient interpreter, caught the interpreter by the shoulder and was about to remove her from the room, amid the general laughter of the company, when Mr. Lloyd George explained the real position to him, and, after an apology from the toastmaster General Botha continued his speech.

SIR JAMES BARR ON A "NEW ERA."

Sir James Barr, the well-known Liverpool physician, addressing the congress of the Canadian Medical Association, said that the dawn of a new era in the medical world was breaking forth, and under the system of prevention of disease there should be little future need of surgical interference.

Canada should see that it was peopled by a vigorous and intellectual race. It should shut out degenerate foreigners as it would exclude a mad dog.

"I advise you," said Sir James, "not to allow the mentally deficient to produce children. The sooner you begin a selective process the sooner will you attain a perfect race."

ONE OF US.

JUNE 22, 1911.
Because I wear a crown on 'e 'ead and I wears a killy-coot 'at I'm not such a grouser, nor yet such a fool, as to worry meself for that. I'm kind o' enjoying the flags and cheers, and all the feathers and fuss. For George the Fifth is a man and a King and jolly well one of us.

'E's seen the world, and 'e knows the world, afore, you can bet, an' 'adest. Though the 'eight o' my ambition is a trip on a Margit boat. 'E's a very fine shot, and a very good sport—and all that sort o' thing; Gave bless 'im—because 'e is one of us—although 'e is George the King. V. D. *The Globe*.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, July 17th.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.
[BEFORE THE FULL COURT.]

A QUESTION OF CONTRIBUTION.
Their Lordships the Chief Justice (Sir T. Piggott) and the Puisne Judges (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) sat to hear an appeal in the action brought by Li Po Hung against the Yik Lung Bank, Li Ling Shi, Li Po Lun, Li Po Lung and Li Po Yang to recover from the Bank \$82,212.40 and interest, being \$80,541.13 paid by the plaintiff to the Imperial Bank of China, and balance thereof expenses incurred by plaintiff in raising the said amount on mortgage as security for the Yik Lung Bank under a contract dated May 20th, 1904, whereby plaintiff and the other four defendants and Li Po Chuen, who is a minor, guaranteed the repayment to the Imperial Bank of China of all sums to the extent of \$150,000 as might be required or become due to the said Bank from the Yik Lung Bank. Plaintiff claimed against the remaining four defendants as joint sureties with the plaintiff under the contract for contribution in respect of the sum of \$82,212.49 paid by the plaintiff, and interest thereon. Plaintiff also claimed interest at the rate of eight dollars per cent. per annum. Judgment was delivered on March 3rd in favour of defendants, and the plaintiffs appealed that that judgment be reversed and asked that it be adjudged that the plaintiff recover costs from the respondents.

Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. C. E. Seavus, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Hial, of Messrs. Bratton & Hett, appeared for defendants.

Mr. Alabaster stated that the plaintiff's claim was for a contribution under a letter of guarantee dated 23rd May, 1904, which all the defendants signed and under which plaintiff had been called upon to pay. Subsequent to the 20th May, there was some sort of written agreement entered into between the parties on 11th January, but that agreement was not carried out, a verbal agreement being entered into the same day as the written one. Proceeding to relate the facts, Mr. Alabaster stated that the female defendant was a concubine and cohabitant of a man named Li Sing, who died in 1900. He left six sons, the eldest of whom was Li Pak, who might be described as the villain of the piece. The fifth son was Li Po Hung, the plaintiff. Counsel then referred to the Judge's notes.

The hearing was adjourned.

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Mr. Wood yesterday fined five Chinese fishermen \$5 apiece for trespassing on Stonecutters' Island.

Mr. Hazland yesterday sentenced a Chinese to one month's imprisonment with hard labour for being found on No. 6, Sampson Street with intent to commit a felony. A similar sentence was imposed on a man who was arrested in a Japanese store at 203, Queen's Road East on a like charge.

The effrontery of the Chinese thief passes all understanding. That he does not weigh probability was made manifest in a case which was heard by Mr. Hazland yesterday. While a laundryman was asleep on the hillside a coolie endeavoured to relieve him of his trousers, and had almost taken them off when the sleeper awoke and seized him. His Worship sentenced the defendant to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

A native was charged before Mr. Hazland with snatching a handbag from a Chinese lady near the Samson's Institute, Praya East, on Saturday night. When he secured the handbag the thief rushed through Grosson Street into Queen's Road, and was there arrested by two gaoi guards. His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' imprisonment with hard labour, four hours' stocks and two whippings of twelve strokes each.

A Chinese orator was charged before Mr. Wood yesterday with behaving in a disorderly manner at Yau-mut. The defendant was haranguing a mob when Lance-Sergeant Ingham approached and ordered him to "move on." The orator was slow to obey, and the policeman prompt to do his duty. When the latter was physically enforcing his order the defendant called on the mob to stone him. The mob responded, but were eventually dispersed, and yesterday the defendant was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment.

On Saturday night Inspector Gourlay and a posse of police raid No. 9, Tai Ning Street, Wongkoktsui, where a number of Chinese were found smoking opium. One of the defendants was charged before Mr. Wood yesterday with being the keeper of an opium den, and 25 others were charged with smoking therein. Mr. Lewis (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master) represented the first defendant. The case was remanded until Wednesday afternoon, the first defendant being allowed bail in the sum of \$250, and each of the others in the sum of \$5.

Excise officers made a seizure of 950 tools of loose opium on the German steamer *Petehabur* last week-end, the drug being found concealed in the hold. Following the seizure the crew were mustered on deck, and after investigation the boatman was accused of being the owner of the opium. He denied ownership, and stated that it belonged to the lamp trimmer, who was not present at the muster. Subsequently, he was found concealed in one of the lifeboats, and was charged before Mr. Wood yesterday with being in possession of the opium. After hearing witnesses his Worship decided that the evidence was not sufficient to convict, and discharged the defendant.

TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A TURKISH COLUMN AMBUSHED.

London, July 17th.

A Turkish column under Edem Pasha has been ambushed by Missulman Albanians between Ipsik and Dptkova.

Edem Pasha was wounded and the Turks lost 200 in killed and wounded.

LORD ESHER.

London, July 17th.

Lord Esher, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is making good progress.

PRINCE LEOPOLD THROWN FROM HIS HORSE.

London, July 16th.

Prince Leopold of Battenberg, while camping with the Territorials at Lylworth in Dorsetshire, met with an accident. His horse bolted and he was thrown to the ground, being badly cut about the head and arms. His condition is not dangerous and he is progressing favourably.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

GERMAN PRESS OPINIONS.

London, July 17th.

The opinion of the Japanese newspapers regarding the Alliance has not yet been received.

The *Berliner Tageblatt* compliments the British on their diplomacy and extreme cleverness in solving the problem of the renewal of the Alliance, which had become practically worthless.

The *Vossische Zeitung* states that friendship remains, but the obligation to render help has been pierced through and through.

The *Tages Zeitung* says that the revised Treaty is a most important political success for America, which is on the way to become a second centre in the mighty British state system.

AUSTRALIAN AND CANADIAN OPINION.

London, July 17th.

The new Treaty has given great satisfaction in Australia.

Mr. Hughes, the Acting Federal Premier, in an interview, declared that Australians might congratulate themselves on the renewal of the Treaty which gave Australia ten years instead of four to prepare for defence against imminent danger.

Canadian opinion is generally favourable. The practical exclusion of the United States from the operation of the Treaty is regarded as removing for Canadians the only serious objection to the alliance.

MOTOR DISASTER IN ENGLAND.

London, July 17th.

Sir George Reid, High Commissioner of the Commonwealth, was motoring with his son and daughter at Broadstairs when the car collided with another and dashed into a tram standard and was demolished. Sir George and his son were severely shaken, but the daughter was seriously injured. They have all been taken to hospital.

LATER.

Sir George Reid's arms are broken, but all are progressing favourably.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

London, July 17th.

The *Berlin Koelnische Zeitung* in an inspired article deprecates the German newspapers taking it for granted that the only possible solution of the Moroccan difficulty is Germany seeking compensation in Agadir. It says that the essential thing is indemnification; the locality thereof is non-essential so long as a genuine equivalent is received.

The other papers regard the *Koelnische Zeitung's* article with disquietude, and declare that Germany cannot sell her vital interest in Morocco for a few pieces of silver.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS.

London, July 17th.

The papers are full of all sorts of contradictory speculations as to the course the Constitutional crisis will take. One theory is that whilst the Unionist leaders are prepared to surrender the eighty Tory Peers pledged to resist to the end and force the creation of Peers, the other is that the Peers pledged to resist to the end will themselves force the creation of Peers. Another theory is that the Peers will use the Wensleydale precedent to declare the new peerages invalid.

The *Times* states that the Government is embarrassed by the discontent among the Liberal peers who object to the creation of viscountcies which are desired by many prospective peers and demand that only baronies shall be created, themselves being promoted to viscountcies.

SABOTAGE IN FRANCE.

London, July 17th.

The French Government have offered a reward of 5,000 francs for the detection of the wreckers who attempted the destruction of the express train on the 1st July. The Government is forming a special detective force to deal with sabotage on railways, of which 2,936 cases have occurred since October.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

A RECORD NUMBER OF CANDIDATES IN HONGKONG.

The Oxford Local Examinations are now being held at Queen's College. The examination commenced yesterday and continues daily to the 21st inst. It is gratifying to learn that there is a record number of candidates this year in Hongkong. The following are the entries for the past 10 years:—

	Candidates in 1902
81	" 1903
90	" 1904
63	" 1905
101	" 1906
102	" 1907
105	" 1908
133	" 1909
141	" 1910
230	" 1911

PROPOSED RAILWAY MEDICAL COMMISSION IN MANCHURIA.

Dr. G. W. Gray has submitted to the railway authorities in Manchuria the following proposal:—

"I suggest that a joint sanitary board be formed consisting of two medical representatives from each railway, that is to say, the Russian, Japanese and Chinese Companies whose sole business would be concerned with the Permanent Sanitary Defence of the Railways of Manchuria. As an alternative until it could be seen how the scheme worked it would be possible to appoint for a year a Railway Medical Commission which, if successful, could be made permanent. Such a Board of Commission need not deal in any way with enforcement of the Company on the property of another. It would be only concerned with arrangements as to the working of a united system of quarantine for the mutual benefit of the Companies involved. This would mainly lie in the direction of such measures as:—

- a. Prompt notification of any outbreak of infectious disease, so that the other two Companies would receive the earliest possible warning.
- b. The interdicting of contaminated coolies and others.
- c. The passing along of gangs of coolies set free from quarantine.
- d. The regulation on an organized plan of the 200,000 coolies who annually come North and return South.
- e. The supervision of immigrant colonists, Hunan refugees etc., while they are in the Railway Area.
- f. Agreement generally as to what articles of trade are to be allowed or prohibited for carriage by rail.
- g. The supervision of accommodation on routes.

"It may be said that coolies can pass along the road and enter at a point beyond a quarantine station, but this could not occur to any great extent, as the Railway authorities generally know from which localities these people come, and could refuse to take them as passengers in addition to notifying the Board.

"Moreover, the spread of infection by road is of much less danger than by rail, as it is slower and more difficult where long distances are involved, such as a journey South through Manchuria.

"In these places where Lazarets (Quarantine stations) of a more or less permanent nature are already built, they need not necessarily be pulled down, but could be adapted so as to come into line with the other stations which are not yet built.

"Station masters at route would be able to report to the Sanitary Board for its information the occurrence of any suspicious cases in the neighbourhood of their stations. The company under whose jurisdiction the cases might occur would deal with them in the usual way by its own medical staff. It would be only in the question of spread along the line that the International Sanitary Board would concern itself.

A scheme on similar lines has been found to work well in practice on the Heilong Railway in the near East, under an International Sanitary Control, and whether this proposal that I lay before you be accepted or not by the three Powers concerned, there can be little doubt but that it is highly advisable."

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MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

BRITISH
Alacrity, despatch-boat, 700 tons, 4 guns, 2,000 h.p., Comdr. A. Lowndes, Weihaiwei.
Astraea, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 10 guns, 7,000 h.p., Captain E. B. Kiddle, Weihaiwei.
Atlas, admiral's tug, 615 tons, 1,400 h.p., Master S. West, Hongkong.
Bramble, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. B. G. Washington, Shanghai.
Britomart, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. J. M. Barker, Shanghai.
Cadmus, British sloop, 1,070 tons, 1,400 h.p., J. A. Comdr. H. Lynne, Shanghai.
Cherub, water tank and tug, 390 tons, 1,400 h.p., Master W. Smith, Hongkong.
Clio, British sloop, 1,070 tons, 1,400 h.p., Comdr. H. R. Veale, Shanghai.
Fame, torpedo-boat, 340 tons, 6 guns, 5,700 h.p., Lt. Comdr. H. S. Monroe, Weihaiwei.
Flora, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 10 guns, 7,000 h.p., Captain J. Nicholas, Weihaiwei.
Handy, torpedo-boat, 295 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. Hon. Guy Stopford, Hongkong.
Hart, torpedo-boat, 295 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lt. Comdr. Hon. Guy Stopford, Hongkong.
Janus, torpedo-boat, 320 tons, 6 guns, 3,900 h.p., Lt. Comdr. M. B. R. Blackwood, Weihaiwei.
Kent, armoured cruiser, 9,800 tons, 14 guns, 11,000 h.p., Capt. St. J. Farquhar, en route to Weihaiwei.
Kite, British sloop, 615 tons, 1,400 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. T. J. S. Lynne, Yangtze.
Merlin, surveying ship, 1,070 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 h.p., Comdr. B. O. M. Davy, Sandakan.
Mistral, armoured cruiser (flagship) Vice-Admiral Sir A. L. Wintle, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., 14,600 tons, 1,400 h.p., Capt. G. C. Cayley, Weihaiwei.
Monmouth, armoured cruiser, 9,800 tons, 14 guns, 11,000 h.p., Captain L. E. Power, M.V.O., Weihaiwei.
Moorhen, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, 1,100 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. G. P. Leith, West River.
Newcastle, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, turbine, Captain George P. E. Hunt, D.S.O., Weihaiwei.
Nightingale, river gunboat, 85 tons, 240 h.p., Lt. Comdr. Claude Hillierden-Woodward, R.N., Yangtze.
Otter, torpedo-boat, 295 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Comdr. Lambie, Weihaiwei.
Robin, river gunboat, 85 tons, 240 h.p., Lt. Comdr. Cosmo A. O. Douglas, West River.
Roarao, depot ship for submarines, 980 tons, 1,400 h.p., Lt. Comdr. N. E. Archdale.
Sandpiper, river gunboat, 85 tons, 240 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. E. J. J. Southby, West River.
Sage, river gunboat, 85 tons, 240 h.p., Lt. Comdr. Maurice B. Leslie, Yangtze.
Taku, torpedo boat, 305 tons, 1,400 h.p., 6,000, Gunner E. J. Trillo, R.N., Hong Kong.
Tamar, receiving ship, 4,450 tons, 6 guns, Commodore Byrnes, Hongkong.
Teal, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, 800 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. R. J. Buchanan, Yangtze.
Thistle, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. M. B. Paillie-Hamilton, Hongkong.
Virago, torpedo-boat, 395 tons, 6 guns, 6,300 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. Harold D. Adair, Hall, Weihaiwei.
Waterwitch, surveying ship, 620 tons, 450 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. R. L. Hancock, Singapore.
Whiting, torpedo-boat, 295 tons, 6 guns, 5,900 h.p., Lt. Comdr. G. H. Hartford, Weihaiwei.
Widgeon, gunboat, 185 tons, 2 guns, 800 h.p., Comdr. M. H. Widdling, Yangtze.
Woodcock, gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. B. B. Brooke, Yangtze.
Woodcock, gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. G. F. A. Mulock, Yangtze.
Submarines:
No. 36, Godfrey Herbert, Lieut. Comdr. No. 37, A. L. Fenner, Lieut. Comdr. No. 38, J. A. C. Cottingham, Lieut. Comdr.
AUSTRIAN.
Kaiserin Elisabeth, Austrian protected cruiser, 4,000 tons, 10 guns, 1,500 h.p., Northern Waters cruiser, 1,500 tons, 1,500 h.p., Theodor Skerl, Ed. von Schmidheim.
FRENCH.
Achilles, armoured gunboat, 1,830 tons, 9 guns, 1,700 h.p., Lieut. Bertrand, Saigon.
Alger, 2nd class cruiser, 4,320 tons, 22 guns, 5,100 h.p., Commander Fourrier, Hong Kong.
Alouette, gunboat, 508 tons, 7 guns, 400 h.p., Commander Badin, Saigon.
Argus, river gunboat, 180 tons, 6 guns, 570 h.p., Lieut. Andraud.
Baignette, gunboat.
Cimetière, gunboat, 140 tons, Reserve, Saigon.
Coronade, gunboat, 154 tons, Reserve, Saigon.
Désirée, gunboat, 630 tons, 10 guns, 900 h.p., Lieut. de Linars, Shanghai.
Dupleix, armoured cruiser, 7,778 tons, 28 guns, 17,000 h.p.
Désirée, armoured cruiser, 7,778 tons, 28 guns, 17,000 h.p.
D'Arville, gunboat.
Estace, gunboat, 141 tons, Reserve, Haiphong.
Esturgeon, sub-marine, 70 tons, 60 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. Saigon.
Ernée, destroyer, 300 tons, 7 guns, 6,300 h.p., Saigon.
Henri Rivière, river gunboat, 150 tons, 6 guns, 152 h.p., Haiphong.
Lycée, sub-marine, 70 tons, 6 h.p., Lieut. Marz, Saigon.
Montcalm, armoured cruiser, (flagship), 9,867 tons, 38 guns, 19,000 h.p., Rear Admiral de la Croix de Castries (Commander-in-Chief).

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RUBBER COMPANIES.

SELMOOR RUBBER COMPANY.

First interim dividend on account of the current year of 1s. 3d. per share, less tax. **FREE-TRADING RUBBER COMPANY.** The profits of the Free-Trade Rubber Company for the year ended March 31, 1911, after setting off £250 for depreciation of buildings, machinery, &c., and including the balance brought forward, amounted to £42,181. The directors now recommend a final dividend of 50 per cent, less tax, making 140 per cent for the year. It is proposed to place £21,000 to a reserve fund and to carry forward £21,181. The amount of rubber harvested was 178,560 lb., as compared with 101,444 lb. the previous year, and the average gross price realized was 5s. 11.48d., against 8s. 2.74d. last year. The average yield per tree was 2.89 lb. The cost per lb. of rubber, f.o.b., was 1s. 0.16d. The rubber crop for the current year is estimated at 200,000 lb.

BORNEO PROPRIETARY ESTATES.

Presiding at the meeting of the Borneo Proprietary Estates on the 21st ult., Mr. J. A. H. Drought said that the general progress made since the reconstruction had exceeded the expectations of the directors, and the prospects of the company were encouraging.

The growth of the rubber was excellent while the samples sent to the London office were all that could be desired. Borneo tobacco was now very popular, and the sales of the 1910 crop in Amsterdam to date had realized handsome profits.

There had been labour difficulties in Borneo, but he was thankful to say that they had not been experienced by the company. By the last mail they were informed by their administrator that he had secured plenty of Chinese labour, and in fact he had to refuse further supplies.

The chairman mentioned the fact that the company's property had developed so well that the directors had decided to create an issue of £30,000 Six per Cent. Debenture stock, the prospectus of which would be issued in a few days.

STRAITSHILLS (PERAK) RUBBER.

Mr. A. L. Inall, presiding at the meeting of the Straithills Rubber Estates on the 21st ult., said that the labour difficulty was their most serious problem, but they had been enabled to obtain an adequate supply from India, and had not consequently suffered like other estates.

The reports from their property had been so satisfactory that the board had decided to depart from their original programme of planting 600 acres the first year, and to plant the greater portion of the estate—say, some 1,700 acres—with a little delay as possible.

With that object in view, they were increasing the nominal capital of the company from £30,000 to £50,000, and the new capital in 2s. shares would shortly be offered for subscription.

MUSIC BY WIRELESS.

STRIKING ADVANCE IN NEW SCIENCE.

Mr. P. Thorne Baker, the *Daily Mirror* technical expert, in an interesting paper read before a large audience of scientists at the Royal Institution on "Progress in Wireless Telegraphy," showed some of his own remarkable inventions, particularly his wireless apparatus for use on military aeroplanes.

Referring to the *Daily Mirror* experiments with aeroplane wireless telegraphy, Mr. Baker said it would be of immense advantage if an aeroplane could exchange messages with his commanding officer or receive commands. He said this could be done by means of a visible method of receiving messages on an aeroplane must, therefore, be selected.

A diagram of an aeroplane receiver which Mr. Baker has designed was shown on the screen. Its main feature is an electric lamp, worked on the Morse code system. Each time a signal is received the lamp lights up—for one second if a dot is signalled and for two seconds if a dash is being sent.

Describing next his portable wireless apparatus for military field work, Mr. Baker said it was designed for placing in a trench, and recently he had submitted it to the Army wireless department.

Baron Lepel had actually sent bagle calls or "tunes" by wireless. By employing a number of varying capacities, Baron Lepel could produce the right notes of an octave. These capacities are switched in by a miniature piano keyboard, and bagle calls or musical code tunes can be transmitted.

Referring to the wireless telephone of Mr. A. W. Sherman, Mr. Baker said that some time ago he spoke with this telephone through about one mile of earth at the historic caves at Chislehurst.

On land two miles had been covered. Better results could be obtained in water, and some interesting experiments were being arranged for tests between battleships and submarines.

FALL OF 5,000 FEET.

One of Germany's most daring aviators, Herr Schendel, and a passenger, an engineer named Voss, were killed at Jöhndorf, near Berlin on June 9. The motorist was killed by the machine fell like a stone to the ground.

Schendel, who was twenty-four years of age, had gone up with the intention of beating the world's height record. When at half-past eight the firing of a gun announced the end of the day's flying, Schendel was at a height variously given as from 5,000 to 5,500 feet. He apparently tried to descend in a "glider" but the aeroplane suddenly tilted and began to drop vertically.

In righting his machine for a moment, but it again dipped, and, falling vertically, crashed to the earth just beyond Jöhndorf. A motorist was immediately despatched, and the bodies of the aviator and his passenger were brought back to the flying ground.

LEARNING BY PLAYING.

A new movement for amusing children on educational lines will shortly be started in London. A committee, which includes Countess Camilla, Hovos and Lady Markham, proposes to establish small gardens for children whenever a vacant space can be obtained. In these gardens they will play and learn.

A beginning is to be made on a vacant plot in Sutherland Avenue, near the Harrow road. The children start "work" after school hours under the guidance of Miss Grace Parsons, who has come specially from America as a representative of the International Children's School Farm League.

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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STOCKS AND SHARES.

RUBBER COMPANIES.

SINGAPORE, July, 6th.

Malayan Companies.	Singapore Prices June 7.	Dividends	Far value each share £1. Calls paid up are—	Malayan Companies.	Singapore Prices June 7.	Dividends
Alor-Pongau...	...	...	fy. paid	Malacca Ordinary...	10.9.6	...
Anglo-Johore...	...	...	2/ fy. "	Merlimau...	10.12.6	...
Anglo-Malay...	10/-	100%	10	Merton Syndicate...	...	10% 11
Bakap...	...	...	fy. "	Mount Austin...	4/7 1/2	...
Banteng...	...	...	2/ fy. "	Narborough Est...	...	...
Batu Caves...	15.0.0	150%	10	North Hammock...	...	25% 10
Batu Kawan...	...	...	2/ fy. "	Padang Jawa...	1.12.0	...
Batu Tiga...	4.10.0	10%	10	Pandan Johore...	...	...
Berembang Selangor...	...	...	2/ fy. "	Pataling...	3/11	325% 10
Bernam Perak...	...	...	6% 10	Pelohap (Johore)...	...	...
Do. Ordinary...	...	...	fy. "	Pemak...	2.5.0	12 1/2% 1
Bidor...	...	...	13/8	Peneiro Est...	...	...
Blands Selangor...	...	...	17/8	Prye...	...	10% 10
Bukit Cloh...	...	...	19/8	Ratanuf...	...	...
Bukit Kajang...	2.5.0	11 1/2%	10	Rembia...	7/9	6% 10
Bukit Mertajam...	2/10	...	15/8	R. Est. of Krian...	...	...
Bukit Rajah...	11.17.6	80%	10	R. of Johore...	...	...
Bukit Selangor...	5.10.3	7 1/2%	10	Sagga...	28/0	50% 10
Castelfield...	...	...	15/8	Seahfield...	12.0.0	40% 10
Changkat Salak R. and Tin...	...	...	15/8	Selangor...	4.12.6	37 1/2% 10
Chersonese...	3.8	...	fy. "	Selat Rubber...	48/9	...
Chioviot...	...	...	fy. "	Sempah...	1.12.6pm	...
Choia Rubber...	...	...	2/ fy. "	Serdang...	4.0.0	30% 10
Cleely Ordinary...	2.0.0	150%	10	Seremban...	3.5.0	30% 10
Do. Preferred...	2.0.0	153 1/2%	10	Shelford...	...	...
Concol. Malay...	16/10	100%	10	Singapore Para...	4/4	12 1/2% 10
Damansara...	3.13.5	75%	10	Singapore (Bertam)...	0/4 1/2	7 1/2% 10
Dennistown...	...	...	17/8	Strathmore R...	...	...
Enb. Selangor...	11/8	30%	10	Sungai Bahru...	4.0.0	20% 10
Fed. Selangor...	90%	10	15/8	Sungai Choh...	11/3	55% 10
Gua Koe R. Est...	...	...	12/8	Sungai Kapar...	...	...
Garing (Malacca)...	...	...	fy. "	Sungai Krut...	...	...
Goleonda...	4.7.8	25%	10	Sungai Liang...	...	...
Golden Hope...	5.15.0	40%	10	Sungai Malaka...	4.0.0	10% 10
Gula-Kumpang...	...	...	10	Sungai Way...	5.10.0	30% 10
H. and Lowlands...	4.10.0	8 1/2%	10	Tangkah...	...	...
Inch Kenneth...	11.10.0	25%	10	Third Mile...	...	...
Johore Para...	...	...	15/8	Tremelbye...	...	10% 10
Johore R. Lands...	2/ fy. "	Ud. Sna Betong...
Jong-Landor...	2/ fy. "	Val d'O' Est...
Jugra (Ordinary)...	...	25%	10	Valambrosa...	29/10 1/2	75% 10
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Kamuning "A"...	5/0	...	5/ paid			
Kampar Para...	6.17.6	65%	10			
Kapas...	Options			
Kapong...	Options			
Killinghall...	Options			
Kinta Kelas...	...	...	Options			
Kinnang...	...	...	Options			
Klian-Kelas...	...	...	Options			
Kota Tinggi...	...	...	Options			
Kota Tampan...	...	...	Options			
Krubong...	...	...	Options			
Kuala Klang...	...	...	Options			
Kuala Lumpur...	7.1.3	75%	10			
Kuala Pahi...	...	...	Options			
Kuala Selangor...	Options			
Labu...	Options			
Lanadron...	11/-	30%	10			
Ledbury...	4.2.6	12 1/2%	10			
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Peking	Soochow	Canton	Malacca	Manila	Sarawak	Batavia	Singapore	Surabaya
Tientsin	Chinkiang	Whampoa	Penang	Cebu	Kuching	Semarang	Malacca	Medan
Pootung	Nanking	Kowloon	Malacca	Iloilo	Puttucherry	Bandung	Malacca	Padang
Chinwangtao	Wuhan	Shanghai	Malacca	Cebu	Puttucherry	Bandung	Malacca	Padang
Taku	Kowkiang	Samsui	Malacca	Cebu	Puttucherry	Bandung	Malacca	Padang
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